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Chinese willing to open talks with USSR — The People's Republic of China has indicated willingness to reopen negotiations with the Soviet Union on demarcation of their common border by denying any claim to Soviet territory acquired from China under 19th and 20th century treaties with Czarist Russia. The positive signs came in an article published in the People's Daily, and significantly excluded a number of prerequisites which have presented such negotiations for over 10 years.

OPEC rift widens — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is facing increasingly serious internal troubles, as ministers representing the nations of the cartel failed to agree on lower production quotas in Geneva this week. A quota proposal discussed Sunday would have restricted OPEC member country exports to sustain world oil prices. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates have refused to accept the quotas, however, arguing instead for an accord making their own light oil more competitive with North African oil.

Soviet spy satellite swells — Cosmos 402, the Soviet nuclear-powered satellite, broke up on entering the atmosphere and fell to earth in the southern Indian ocean, some 1900 km from the closest land, the island of Diego Garcia. The satellite's nuclear reactor remains in orbit, and is expected to reenter the atmosphere the second week of February.

Israel refuses to withdraw — Israel still refuses to withdraw its estimated 30,000 troops from Lebanon, saying it has not reached a formal agreement with Lebanon on “normalisation” of relations. Israel also insists it be allowed to retain 750 troops in “early-warning stations” in southern Lebanon, a plan US envoy Philip Habib reportedly described as making a mockery of the concept of complete troop withdrawals from Lebanon.

Terrorists sentenced in Rome — Thirty-two men and women, members of the Red Brigades terrorist organization were sentenced to life imprisonment Monday for crimes including the kidnapping and murder of former prime minister Aldo Moro. In all, 21 people were convicted of kidnapping and murdering Moro, and 40 other defendants with a total of 11 murders, 11 attempted murders and 4 kidnappings between 1976 and 1980. Five bodyguards were killed when Moro was abducted in Rome in March 1978. The former prime minister's body was not found until 55 days later.

Dodd opposes Salvadoran aid — US Senator Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), returning from a fact-finding trip to El Salvador, said he opposes US military aid to the Central American country. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins hearings next week to decide whether to approve the $25 million in military aid the Reagan Administration wants to provide. The President recently claimed military aid to El Salvador is justified, because the human rights situation in the country has “improved.” Dodd estimated between 200 and 250 civilians are killed monthly in the continuing guerrilla war.

High court rejects Reagan appeal — The US Supreme Court turned down a Reagan Administration appeal to revoke its 1971 decision allowing courts to order busing to achieve desegregation. The court let stand a decision by the US 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati which required Nashville, Tenn., to continue using busing to desegregate the city's schools.

New Jersey governor decorates governor's mansion — The wife of New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean has asked that furniture in the governor's mansion be removed and sold. The house, recently restored by the state's historical society, was reportedly described as "not very tasteful." - Richard Mlynarik

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Weather

Cold weather continues — We'll have sunny skies today with temperatures just above freezing. Clouds will begin to move in this afternoon or this evening, raising the possibility of overnight snow flurries; the low will fall into the middle 20s. Clearing and colder tomorrow, with a high near 30 degrees.

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